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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the August 1, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned herewith to extend the time for response to that action by three months, up to and including February 2. 2004 (February 1 being a Sunday), and have paid the required fee. No other fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19904-015.

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